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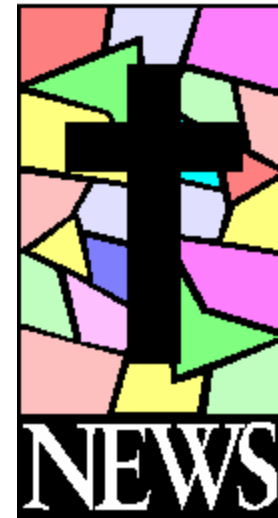
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Your church newsletter

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Ransomville and Fillmore Chapel
United Methodist Churches

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Now that Easter is out of the way does everything in your spiritual and church life stop? I hope not. As you read the newsletter you will see all the great programs and events planned for May. Are you going to be part of the life of the church?

Come and be with us and enjoy your church family in work and prayer.

*Yours in Christ,
Rev. John
Reverend John*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

RANSOMVILLE

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 – Ruth Gates | |
| 3 -- Mike Fedak | 14 – David Denny |
| 6 – Ashley Harbison | 16 – Melody Masters |
| 8 – Rachel Willms | 18 – Joel Spring |
| 10 – Mary Truesdell | |
| 13 – Janet Fedak | |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 – Megan Johannes | 17 – Clarabell Senek |
| -- Tim Senek | 18 – A Gene Bradley |
| 10 – John Senek | 21 – Rick Lederhouse |
| 15 – Patricia Stojak | 28 – Sherri Senek |
| | 29 – Kimberli Schultz |
| | -- Angela Orzetti |

ANNIVERSARIES

RANSOMVILLE

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|-----------------------------|
| 7 -- Mike & Teresa Trank |
| 12 – Robert & Mary Rinker |
| 23 – Doug & Shannon Hopkins |
| 30 – Larry & Nancy Trank |

MAY BIRTHDAYS

RANSOMVILLE

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 – Tim Truesdell | 13 – Amanda Mayer |
| -- Connie Diez | 15 – Jeanette Brooks |
| 5 – Tom Masters | -- James Denio |
| -- Joel Masters | 18 -- Michael Harris |
| 6 – Sarah Denny | 19 – Erva Graf |
| -- Linda Steck | -- Sharon Strasburg |
| 7 – Jessica Horvath | 22 – Sheila Truesdell |
| -- Philo Brooks | -- Matt Grace Sr. |
| 11 – Charlotte Mayer | 23 – Jayne Spring |
| -- Lydia Bodner | 26 – Julie Finn |
| | -- Christian Van Den Bosch |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 6 -- Hap Skellen | 19 -- Stephen Diez |
| 8 – Lindsay Andrasik | 21 – Jeremy Andrasik |
| 14 – Carrie Skellen | 23 – Corinne Schlyer |
| | 29 -- Norman Daniels |

ANNIVERSARIES

RANSOMVILLE

- 1 – Frenchy & Millie Hillman

FILLMORE CHAPEL

- 5 – Chuck & Cathy Wills
6 – Malcolm & Brenda Johannes
12 – John & Patty Susice Jr.
13 – Henry & Maureen Koroschetz

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New members will be received at Ransomville on May 2nd during worship.

May 2nd - Fillmore Chapel is hosting a **spaghetti with sausage/meatball dinner** from 12:15 - 4 PM. Cost is \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4 - 12, and under 3 are free. Please join us!

Membership Records - We would like to update the church membership information to ensure that our records are current. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the church if you have not already done so. Our records are not up to date. Fillmore Chapel is only up to 1983 and Ransomville is also not current. Please help us to keep accurate church records. We plan to do a new membership log and telephone directory. Your help is appreciated.

The Fillmore Chapel/Ransomville Vacation Bible School will be at Ransomville United Methodist this summer. If you would like to help or want your children to attend, contact Kim Sembert at 791-9904 or Doug Diez at 791-4791. **Watch for further details on Vacation Bible School!**

Bible Study will continue until June 14th. The last class will be at Rev. John's house. Bible study will resume in September.

Parking at Ransomville Church: Please do not park in the parking lot during post office business hours.

Reverend Wetherwax's sermons are available in the back of each church. Please help yourself to a copy. The sermons are also available on-line at the church website www.RansomvilleUMC.org.

Please submit any information for the June Newsletter to Joan by May 17th.

Upcoming Events

United Methodist Women - On Saturday, May 22nd at 12:30 PM the **Ladies and Girls Luncheon** will be held in the Ransomville Fellowship Hall. The program is Native American Dancers. Eighty tickets are available so please get your tickets early. Tickets are available from Shirley, Millie, Ruth K., Reta, Marion, Bernice, or Ellen. Adults - \$9.00, Children under 12 - \$5.00. Please come out and enjoy the program and a great lunch catered by Pattie of North Country Deli. For further information please contact the co-chairpersons, Millie or Ellen.

Confirmation Class will join the congregations of Fillmore Chapel and Ransomville on June 6th during worship.

Sunday School News

The last day of Sunday School is June 13th. Sunday School will resume on September 12th.

Confirmation Class

Future Classes:

May 2nd and 16th.

Future Events:

May 23rd Worship at Ransomville Baptist Church.

June 6th Confirmation Sunday at both churches.

We will also have a confirmation retreat this spring.

Students in the class: Chris Andrasik, Jennifer Jordan, Kaitlyn Koroschetz, Nicole York, Kristin Olsen, Eric Olsen, Jessica Spring, Heather Moore, Shayne Diez, Earl Robins.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Births:

On April 19th, 2004 Kalie Elizabeth Mayer was born to Brian and Kimberly Mayer. Kalie is the granddaughter of George and Charlotte Mayer, and Robert and Sandy Gunter. Kalie is also the great granddaughter of Milton and Agnes Dawley.

Weddings:

Congratulations to Megan Pollow and Joseph Srock on their wedding on May 15th.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Ransomville Community Faire** is to be held on the library grounds from 10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday, June 5th. Watch for further details.

Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ at Ransomville United Methodist Church will be Saturday, June 12th from 11 AM to 2:30 PM. Adults - \$7.00/Children (12 & under) - \$3.50. For tickets and information please call Ellen at 791-3960 or the church (mornings) at 791-4978. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The **Ransomville Community Yard Sale** is Friday, June 11th & Saturday, June 12th.

The **Exley United Methodist Women** have extended an invitation to attend their meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM. Speaker: Pastor Bong Hee Sung will discuss her life journey from Korea to the United States and her journey as a Christian woman. Exley UMC is located at 338 Lake Street in Wilson. Childcare will be provided.

The **Ransomville Free Methodist Church** is having a **craft night** on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$15 for supplies to make a floral arrangement for indoors or out. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Call 791-3855 to sign up.

The **Ransomville Baptist Church** is celebrating the **fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. George Kraft** at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 16th.

Activities & Meetings

Ransomville Administrative Council - Meets the 2^d Thursday of each month at Ransomville. This month's meeting is May 13th at 7:00 PM.

Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council - This year meetings will be held every 4th Sunday of the month immediately following worship from noon to 12:30 PM. Next meeting is May 23rd at noon.

Bible Study - Join us every Monday evening at 7:00 PM at Fillmore Chapel for Bible study. We are reading 1 & 2 Corinthians. Past studies were the Gospel of Mark and Romans. Bible study has been discontinued on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM at Ransomville Church.

Ladies Prayer and Support Group - Meets each Tuesday at 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

Choir Rehearsal - Held each Tuesday at 7:00 PM at Ransomville. All are welcome.

Youth Group - Meets each Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Ransomville.

Healing Service - Held on the 3^d Thursday of each month. Next service is May 20th at 7:00 PM at Ransomville Church. A time of prayer, hope, and comfort for those seeking spiritual, relational, physical and emotional healing.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Next meeting is May 20th at 8:30 AM at Knead the Dough.

Remember in Prayer

Annemarie Bettino, Josiah Julias, Evelyn Peters, Grace Howls, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Rich Wade, Sylvia Emerson, Vicky Taylor, Susan & Harold Barnes, Marbeth Minnie, Rev. Kit Snyder, Chris & Kim Sembert & Family, Doug Diez, Pat Gillsillan, Grace Baker, Becky Slipko, Marj Jeffords, Ruth Schultz, and Betty Lederhouse.

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces and the families of those who have lost their lives in this conflict.

The Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, after the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up..." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Youth News From Hap Skellen

Over the last couple of months the United Ducks have done many activities.

We held the M&M candy fundraiser where the empty containers were returned with donations in them.

We held a Chicken and Biscuit dinner in which we raised money for our teen retreat. Many parents helped with the cooking and planning. Thank you to the parent who jumped in when our cook got sick.

Our Teen Retreat was based on the theme that "I can make a difference". We took 15 teens and adults with us. When we arrived at Perry the first thing we did was stop at a dollar store. The kids were asked to buy something that reminds them of Jesus.

Pastor John went with us and spent the evening with us. He showed us a whole new side of him. At the camp he got into a huge pillow fight with the teens. Next he was on the floor with the teens on top of him, tickling him. Then he stayed until 11:00 PM and played chess. He showed the teens he cared about them. He made a difference. We played a lot of games. Dee Finch led most of our devotion time during the weekend. We started every meal singing and a teen praying.

As the weekend went on, I noticed that the teens wanted to know more about the bible. They were in their room, reading the bible, and growing closer to each other. On Saturday evening we had communion, and a bonfire. Sunday morning we held our sunrise service, with singing. We handed out our awards and had a short devotion on "Yes, I can make a difference". Then we left for church at Pastor Jake's new church.

As I look back over the last couple of months, "Yes, we can make a difference". Every one of us can. You, the church family help with your support. Your donations, prayers, rides, saying hi, show the teens that you care. I want to take this time to thank you.

I believe that every one of us can make a difference, and with that in mind, there is a great future for this youth group and the church.

Our next project will be the pink flamingos. They may be coming to your house. Watch for future details.

The youth group meets every Wednesday, downstairs in the Ransomville church. Youth group is open to any teen in 6th grade and up. See Hap or Doug for information.

Thank You Notes Received

To Ransomville UM Church,

*A sincere Thank You for your expression of sympathy.
It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.*

*Rob, Mary, Josh, Amanda
Rinker*

Special Request

Please send a card to Harold Barnes. The address is:

Harold Barnes
C/O Our Lady of Peace
5285 Lewiston Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

Reverend John's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Due to emergencies and unexpected interruptions he may not always be in the office so you might find it more convenient to call before visiting. Church office is 791-4978. Friday is his day off but Reverend John is always available 24 hours a day if you need him. His home phone number is 751-9376.



May



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2 4 th Sunday of Easter Conf. Class Penny Collection Food Collection	3 Boy Scouts 6 PM Bible Study 7 PM	4 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	5 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	6 National Day of Prayer RAMA Meeting - Noon	7 May Friendship Day	8
9 5 th Sunday of Easter	10 Boy Scouts 6 PM Bible Study 7 PM	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	12 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	13 R Admin. Council 7 PM	14 Wedding Rehearsal 7 PM	15 Wedding 2 PM Megan Pollow & Joseph Srock
16 6 th Sunday of Easter Conf. Class	17 Boy Scouts 6 PM Bible Study 7 PM	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	19 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	20 Ascension Day Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 AM Healing Service 7 PM	21	22 Ladies & Girls Luncheon 12:30 PM
23 7 th Sunday of Easter Conf. Class Event Baptist Church FC Admin. Council Noon - 12:30 PM	24 Aldersgate Day Boy Scouts 6 PM No Bible Study	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	26 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM	27	28	29
30 Pentecost	31 Memorial Day No Bible Study					

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